

# The Shepherd's Staff

Community Presbyterian Church  
Cathedral City, California



November 2012



After the greeting, the Apostle Paul begins his first letter to the Thesalonians with these words: "We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

When I think about this church, Community Presbyterian Cathedral City, I, too, give thanks to God for all of you and remember you in my prayers each day. I thank God for your labor of love and your faith and steadfastness in the hope provided to each of us in Jesus' life and death and resurrection. And with the coming of Fall, as our winter members return, I am excited about all the labors of love we will be doing!

Our church provides many opportunities to expose our members and their faith to those outside the church. We are to share our faith and attract new people to the church and faith in Jesus Christ. That's our mission. And do we have opportunities! Of course we'll be having the fish dinner in November. Thanks to Butch Haltman and Larry Shoot, we have plenty of fish to serve. Last year we served 149 people. This year we hope to reach more folks. So, as Butch says every Sunday, 'sell those tickets!'

Recently, the Session approved a new program that will allow each of us to personally reach out to new folks in the community. The program is called Lunch/Dinner 4. Lunch/Dinner 4 provides an opportunity to meet new people and through normal lunchtime conversation share your love of life and the Lord. You'll enjoy the conversation and get to know old friends better while you meet new people.

How it works. Those who sign up will be paired with another person from the church. The two of you decide if you'd like to be a lunch, dinner or dessert group. Each person from the church then invites someone else not from the church to join you for the meal. There are now four people in the meal group. Set a date for the first meeting and then enjoy getting to know each other when you meet. The group can decide how often they meet, but two or three times would be best. Through meeting for dinner or lunch or dessert the folks in the group can get to know each other and be exposed to our faith community at Community Presbyterian Church.

After those interested have signed up, we'll pair up two folks and then you two can take it from there. This is just an opportunity to reach out to the community while having a good time! Please join in the fun.

Don't forget the opportunities to invite friends to church for the pre-Thanksgiving meal and for the Christmas Eve Carol Sing. Perhaps there are neighborhood children or grandchildren who would like to attend the monthly story time here at the church.

We have many opportunities here at the church to share God's love with others. Please take advantage of them. I give thanks to God because so many of you do!

Blessings,

Pastor Lee

## November 2012: SPECIAL DATES



Friday, November 2	11:00 am Story Time Meeting & Lunch
Sunday, November 4	Daylight Savings Ends
Friday, November 9	5-7:00pm Fish Dinner
Wednesday, November 14	9:00am Deacons Meeting
Wednesday, November 14	10:00am Women's Circle
Thursday, November 15	9:00am Session
Saturday, November 17	11:10am Story Time
Sunday, November 18	Thanksgiving Lunch
Thursday, November 22	Thanksgiving Day

### OCTOBER CHILDREN'S CHURCH PLAN

Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	Children will participate in communion with parents/grandparents
Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	Children's sermon by Pastor Lee Ireland
Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children will participate in communion with parents/grandparents
Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Bible lesson by Doug Bridges

### FISH DINNER – NOV 9th

November 9<sup>th</sup> will be our next fish dinner. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Nancy Pryor. The dinner will be from 5-7pm. We will have grilled fish this time.

### LUNCH/DINNER 4

Please sign up today! This Fall, the church hopes to reach out to the community while deepening relationships at the church. Lunch/Dinner 4 provides an opportunity to meet new people and through normal lunchtime conversation share your love of life and the Lord.

Eloise has a sign-up sheet. Please see her after the service or call her at home 760.328.5321 to sign up.

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### HEALING FIELD AT PATRIOT PARK

Our church is volunteering at the Healing Field on November 5, 6 & 7<sup>th</sup>. Nancy has the sign-up sheet during church service. If you have any questions please call Debbie at the office. The volunteer shifts will be 2.5 hours each. We will need two volunteers per shift and two shifts each day.

This is a small way to honor the men and women who have served our country.

### STORY TIME MEETING

November 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a story time lunch meeting at 11:00am. We will have a sandwich bar and a time to talk about the upcoming November event.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

Lord, make us mindful of your power and your glory as we pray for those in need.  
Our Service Men & Women, Our Country & Our President  
*Pray for our Church at 12:00 noon daily*

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## *Recovery*

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Karr's great nephew Edison – 19 month old – heart surgery Oct 11<sup>th</sup>  
Bertha's brother in law Ray - cancer  
Bertha's niece Lynn –cancer  
Bertha's niece Stacy – struggling with cancer treatment  
Evelyn's daughter Nancy – hip replacement surgery  
Jack – Lou Gehrig's disease  
Rolando – shoulder surgery  
Rhonda - back  
Julee – eye surgery  
Ed's friend Janice  
Shelly – hospitalized  
Mary Larson Haste  
John Sidow - stroke  
Kayla – operation  
Bertha's cousin Bob – knee surgery  
LaVida & Debbie – patience & healing  
Pastor Dennis Howard – home and recovering well heart surgery  
Betty's great granddaughter, Teegan- liver transplant  
Ed's friend Jay – kidney transplant  
Ed's friend Les – spinal cord problems  
Peggy's sister Trudy – mersa  
MJ's nephew Phillip – healing and comfort after a serious car accident  
Joe, Patty's son – correct diagnosis

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## *Continuing Health Concerns*

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Phyllis - cancer  
Kay Sachs  
Father Isaac – cancer  
Maryann McGilvery – suffering with bone cancer  
Dr Carney – cancer – stopped all treatment  
Perry, Aaron, Tom, Sherry – cancer  
Patty's friend Shemko – Trying to save his feet.  
Noel's friend Ben – cancer – and his wife Angie  
Patty Valdez

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## *Community and World Concerns*

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Marge's granddaughter Courtney in Iraq  
Steve & Janet Miller strength

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**Prayer concerns in addition to those expressed during Sunday's worship service may be submitted on the prayer request cards in the pews or by contacting the church office. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times.**

*Please Pray for the Mission Activities of the church as well*

Neonatal unit blankets and baby items  
Twenty-nine 29 Palms Marine Base Wounded Warrior  
Well in the Desert  
Scholarship for graduates of Cathedral City HS  
VA & Stroke Centers  
Clothes That Work  
One Great Hour of Sharing  
Alternative Christmas  
School supplies for Sky Ridge Mobile Home Park Kids

Desert Summer Kids Feeding Program  
Life Line subsidies  
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission  
Migrant Farm Workers – bedrolls and food  
Shelter from the Storm  
Ronald McDonald House  
Veterans hospital Loma Linda  
Baby kits for Haiti  
2 Cents-a-Meal

# November 2012 Prayer Calendar

## Please pray for each individual on the date listed

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| <p>1) <i>Matthew 5:1-12</i><br/><i>All Saints' Day</i><br/>Florence Maybee</p>                                     | <p>11) <b>Matthew 25:14-30</b><br/><b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br/>Bill &amp; Jennifer Rawlings</p> | <p>21) Numbers 27:15-23<br/>Joshua to shepherd Israel<br/>LaVida Warren</p>              |
| <p>2) Psalm 128<br/>It shall be well with you<br/>Fern Miller</p>  | <p>12) 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11<br/>Be alert for the day of the Lord<br/>Rena Rodman</p>                                | <p>22) Zech 11:4-17<br/>Two kinds of shepherds<br/>Noel White</p>                        |
| <p>3) Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25<br/>Joshua calls Israel to serve God<br/>Jerry &amp; Joy Moss</p>                      | <p>13) Psalm 123<br/>Our eyes look to God<br/>Bill &amp; Kay Sachs</p>  | <p>23) Jeremiah 31:10-14<br/>God will shepherd the people<br/>Eric Williams</p>          |
| <p>4) <b>Matthew 25:1-13</b><br/><b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br/>Pat &amp; Annette Patterson</p> | <p>14) Romans 2:1-11<br/>The righteous judgment of God<br/>Esther Shin</p>  | <p>24) <i>Luke 17:11-19</i><br/><i>Thanksgiving Day</i><br/>Lauren Williams</p>          |
| <p>5) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18<br/>The promise of the resurrection<br/>Jay &amp; Marlys Peck</p>                    | <p>15) Exodus 2:1-10<br/>Mother and sister protect Moses<br/>Larry &amp; Cecile Shoot</p>                             | <p>25) <b>Mark 13:24-37</b><br/><b>Reign of Christ</b><br/>Evelyn Woods</p>              |
| <p>6) Psalm 78:1-7<br/>The power of God<br/>Peris Family</p>   | <p>16) Esther 7:1-10<br/>Esther's victory<br/>Marge Stahl</p>   | <p>26) 1 Corinthians 1:3-9<br/>Gift of grace sustains us<br/>Beth Alfred</p>             |
| <p>7) Joshua 24:25-33<br/>Joshua's generation passes on<br/>Wayne &amp; Mary Price</p>                             | <p>17) Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24<br/>God will shepherd Israel<br/>Dorothy Susdorf</p>                                   | <p>27) Isaiah 64:1-9<br/>God will come with power and compassion<br/>Martha Anderson</p> |
| <p>8) 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13<br/>Stand firm in the faith<br/>Gail Prosser</p>                                      | <p>18) <b>Matthew 25:31-46</b><br/><b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br/>Ervin Syfert</p>                 | <p>28) Micah 4:1-5<br/>A promise of peace<br/>Neal &amp; Jean Angus</p>                  |
| <p>9) Matthew 24:29-35<br/>My words will not pass away<br/>Nancy Pryor</p>   | <p>19) Ephesians 1:15-23<br/>The reign of Christ<br/>Patty Valdez</p>   | <p>29) Revelations 18:1-10<br/>Judgment on human pride<br/>Peggy Bakke</p>               |
| <p>10) Judges 4:1-7<br/>The judgeship of Deborah<br/>Bertha Rawlings</p>   | <p>20) Psalm 100<br/>We are the people of God's pasture<br/>Ray &amp; Greta Venter</p>                                | <p>30) Luke 21:34-38<br/>Be alert for that day<br/>Bob &amp; Barbara Barrett</p>         |

### **“Observe a sailboat.**

It cannot move by its own power but must rely on the force of wind,  
over which neither sailboat nor sailor has control.

Still, a sailor can shift the position of the boat by adjusting tiller and sheets  
so that the sails catch the wind. Free will is like the sailor.

Though it is sometimes a struggle,  
we can choose to hold the boat of our life steady in the wind of the Spirit.  
Then our efforts are supported and directed by grace.

One caution: Once we have opened our sails to that wind,  
we need to be prepared to go where the Spirit blows!”

from Marjorie J. Thompson, *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*, p.9.

When I read the book, *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*, the metaphor of a sailboat caught my attention again. In the sea of the world, there are many different boats and ships which we can ride on. Some of them are big, beautiful, and good facilities and programs which are ready for us to enjoy. Some of them are small and poor that might require our love, our energy, our passion, our devotion, our commitment, or our dedication.

As a church, we chose the same boat. The boat that we chose is not big. The boat that we ride on does not have a strong engine. Rather, it relies on the force of the wind of the Spirit. It is a sailboat. It is small. It might need us to work at sailing together. It might not have a lot of facilities that are “ready-made.” But, we need to be sensitive to the wind of the Spirit blowing in our boat, Community Presbyterian Church of Cathedral City. The wind of the Spirit brings new people to the boat to sail together. The wind of the Spirit brings children to the boat to share our future. The wind of the Spirit brings joy, love, willingness, happiness, and peace to the people who work in the boat. Do you feel it? God might ask each one of us, “Are you ready to open your sails to the wind of God and to go where the Spirit blows?” I wonder what your answer is.

*Pastor Esther*



### **SOPAPILLA CHEESECAKE**

Ingredients:

- 16 ounces cream cheese
- 2 cans Pillsbury® Crescent Recipe Creations® refrigerated seamless dough sheet
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1/2 cup cinnamon sugar

1. Using a 9 x 13 baking pan, unroll one package of Pillsbury Crescent refrigerated seamless dough and line the bottom of the pan.
2. Mix together the cream cheese, sugar and extract.
3. Spread over the crescent rolls.
4. Unroll the other can of crescent rolls and place on top of cream cheese mixture.
5. Pour one stick of melted butter or margarine over the top and sprinkle with about 1/2 cup of the cinnamon sugar mixture.
6. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

**If you have a recipe you'd like to share bring it to the office anytime.**

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## **Who We Are**



We are a church family who care for each other and all of God's people. We celebrate worship each Sunday, thanking and praising God for the wonderful gifts generously given to us. We then go out into the world to share God's love with all we meet. We are strengthened for service and outreach through small group outreach activities and weekly Bible study. All are welcome to join us as we seek to glorify and serve our risen Lord.